

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:
Alan M. Hofmeister

Alan Hofmeister was the Director of the Center for Information Technology at Utah State University. He has published widely, and produced more than 50 articles and several books on effective teaching practices. He served as the National President of the Association of Special Education Technology and also served as the Chairman of the Utah Governor's Science Council Committee on Computer Literacy. Alan was appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to the National Advisory Board on Technology and the Disabled, and participated in a White House reception to honor selected scientists who have made a contribution to the education of children with disabilities. In 1988, he received recognition as the Utah State University Researcher of the Year. The National Rehabilitation Association designated Alan Hofmeister as a Mary E. Switzer Scholar for his distinguished contributions. He received an Emmy from the National Academy of TV Arts and Sciences, Washington, D.C. Region, for Quality Children's Programming. This award was presented for his role as Chief Scientist for the "Mad Math Television Series," which aired on the *The Learning Channel*.

Hofmeister received his Bachelor's of Education from the University of Queensland in Australia. He received his Master's of Science and Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Oregon. Both degrees were awarded "With

Honors.” He had research and teaching assignments at the University of Oregon, Columbia University, Seattle Pacific University, the University of Minnesota, and Utah State University. He has assisted numerous poverty-impacted inner city and rural schools to “close the gap” in core curriculum standardized assessments. The reading programs he designed and validated were adopted by the READ Foundation and serve as the core program for after-school and summer tutoring in inner city schools in New York City.

Alan Hofmeister provided technical assistance to Pacific Rim nations to improve the effectiveness of schools and preservice teacher education. The Governor and Legislature of Guam awarded Alan the Ancient Order of Chamorri, Guam’s highest legislative recognition, for the technical assistance he provided. These international literacy efforts continue in Russia, Southeast Asia, and several South American nations.

Most recently, Alan was invited by the U.S. Department of Education to lead the national technical assistance team responsible for planning the federal Reading First Program for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The team’s Reading First proposal was successful and resulted in an initial award of \$30 million dollars to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for national implementation.